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## Assessment Newsletter Update

### Wednesday, December 20, 2017

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Assessment & Accountability Team!**  
**Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be January 3, 2018.**

TO: All Subscribed Newsletter Recipients

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### *Cohort Graduation Rate*

The cohort graduation rate appeals window is now open and closes Dec 29. This is the only opportunity to appeal non-graduates. Visit: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/CohortGradAppeals/> for more information.

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### *Alternate Assessment*

IPASS is open to IPASS Test Coordinators for entering teachers, entering students, and assigning students to teachers. IPASS will be ready for teachers to begin uploading student artifacts in January, 2018. The full updated IPASS Manual will be available in January, as well.

The new IPASS application link is <https://apps2.sde.idaho.gov/IPass/>.

If IPASS Test Coordinators are unable to add teachers to IPASS, you should contact your district ISEE coordinator/technology staff. They will need to complete the Person Assignment step in the ISEE Admin tool. Essentially this means matching the teachers EDUID with their username (email address). This must be done before a teacher can be added to IPASS. Also, please have the teachers log into the ISEE portal <https://apps2.sde.idaho.gov> so that their email address maps properly.

If you need any other information, please contact our help desk – [support@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:support@sde.idaho.gov) and they can provide additional guidance.

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## *Assessment & Accountability Roadshow*

Get up-to-date Assessment & Accountability information along with hands on training! We now will be offering a variety of topics to cover the State's Comprehensive Assessment Programs. Topics include: ISAT, Accommodations, Alternate Assessment, College Entrance Exams (SAT), WIDA ACCESS 2.0, specific time to answer assessment questions and New Assessment Coordinator specific sessions. Please share [registration](#) and [agenda](#) with staff.

### **Training Locations:**

- **January 30, 2018** - Regions 3 & 4 - **Boise State University**, Student Union Building, Second Floor, 1700 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725
- **February 1, 2018** - Regions 5 & 6 - **Shoshone-Bannock Hotel & Event Center**, 777 Bannock Trail, Fort Hall, ID 83203
- **February 5, 2018** - Regions 1 & 2 - **Coeur d'Alene Resort**, 115 S 2nd St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814



Find locations and more information on the [Assessment Training Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

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## *Assessment Monitoring*

Last year during Assessment & Accountability's statewide training, we introduced the concept of a comprehensive assessment plan. We received great feedback on the concept, which prompted us to change assessment monitoring this year. Each LEA will complete a Comprehensive Assessment Plan using the [template](#). The Comprehensive Assessment Plan not only meets state compliance requirements, but will serve as a great resource for LEAs to

guide their work, use for training, and to keep all stakeholders informed. Districts that already have a Comprehensive Assessment Plan may submit their document for assessment monitoring, as long as all components in the template are included in the submission.

LEAs in Cycle B are in the 2018 [LEA Assessment Monitoring Cycle](#). LEAs must submit their Comprehensive Assessment Plans by **April 30, 2018**.

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## *College Entrance Exams*

### **ACCUPLACER**

Do not miss the ACCUPLACER Proctor Training webinar on January 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM MST. The webinar will include training on how to navigate the ACCUPLACER Platform and how to administer the assessment. This webinar will be recorded, but if you cannot fit this in your busy schedule there is no need to worry! The SDE will be emailing the webinar, presentation, and Q&A to all proctors, as well as posting to the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage.

Please register! To do so, please click “Add to Calendar.” This will prompt a meeting invite to open. Please “Accept” the meeting invite. This will register you and place it in your calendar.

Add to Calendar

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

### **PSAT**

Billing remittance deadline is **January 12, 2018**

All College Board recorded webinar trainings pertaining to PSAT, SAT, and ACCUPLACER can be found on the [College Entrance Exam](#) webpage (scroll to bottom > training tab)

### **SAT**

Bulk Registration Training: **January 11, 2018 at 12:00 PM MST** - [Registration](#) for webinar

SAT Accommodations requests – open now until **February 19, 2018**

Recent training/slides on the Accommodations process are found at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/training/Idaho-SAT-Accommodations-Webinar.pdf>

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## *Edmodo*

The new Edmodo Idaho State Assessment Networking Group 2017-2018 join code is: **zjr5wf**

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## *Educator Involvement Opportunities*

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (Smarter Balanced) are recruiting qualified educators to support four assessment activities in 2018.

- Item Authoring for ELA and Mathematics
- Item Review for Content, Fairness, and Accessibility (for both ELA and Mathematics)
- Range Finding
- Data Review

If you are interested, please complete the survey at this link before **February 9, 2018**:

<https://smarterbalancedassessment.wufoo.com/forms/qgndplq1w9afiz/>

For more information regarding the educator opportunities, please see the 2018 Smarter Balanced Recruitment Packet attachment.

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## *ISAT Update*

Please check the [ISAT Portal](#) regularly for important messages and dates.

AIR will launch a new help desk post call survey on Tuesday 1/16/2018. Users will be able to leave feedback on their experience with the help desk following a call. An announcement will be provided on the Portal when this new feature is operational.

An updated “Target Report” will be available when students start testing this spring. The report will provide better clarity and be easier to read. The ORS module will be updated to provide information on this updated report

Reminder: The 2017-2018 Paper-Pencil Test (Regular Print, Large Print, and Braille) order window opens January 2, 2018.

Reminder: When students exit your district, they need to be deleted from TIDE. If they are not deleted it may result in dual enrollment when they go to a new district. Please see the Quick Guide on Dual Enrollment for more details.

As a reminder, please upgrade all computers used in student testing by January 1, 2018. On that date, the Test Delivery System (TDS) will no longer support the following versions of the Secure Browsers:

- SB 9.0/9.1/9.2 for all desktops OS (macOSX, Windows, Linux)
- MSB 3.3/3.4 for all iOS versions
- iOS version 9.1.x and below will not be allowed

The following versions will continue to be supported throughout for the 2017-2018 school

year:

- SB 9.5 for all 10.7-10.8
- SB 10.x for all desktops
- MSB 4.1 for iOS versions 9.3.1 - 11.x

The Secure Browser can be downloaded on the “Secure Browsers” page for Mac, Windows and Linux. You may need assistance from your IT coordinator to make these updates.

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## *Literacy Intervention Distributed to Districts*

Districts should have received their literacy intervention funds for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Arrate at [harrate@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:harrate@sde.idaho.gov).

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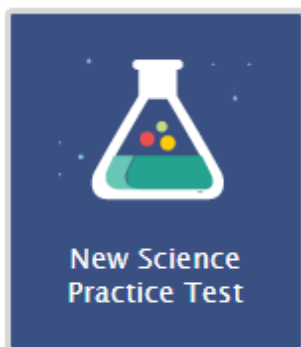
## *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*

I just returned from Washington DC where I participated in the NAEP Analysis and Reporting workshop. While I was there I learned about two major happenings about our Nation’s Report Card. The first was the new NAEP Data Explorer. Online calculations for 2017 data and earlier will be more user-friendly and calculations can be saved with an account you can create! The second was about the 2017 State and National data release. We are still looking at an April release (Spring of 2018 was the release date from the beginning of the assessment cycle). Contact me, Paul Kleinert, your NAEP coordinator at [pkleinert@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:pkleinert@sde.idaho.gov) with any questions.

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## *New Science Items Examples Introduced as Need for a New Science Assessment Increases*

- New Assessment Items Examples are currently posted to the AIR portal:  
<http://idaho.portal.airast.org/science-eoc/>



- Remember, we are currently using temporary standards and therefore will not be implementing an assessment for the new standards until after the standards have been permanently approved.
  - Old practice tests are still available for usage on the Idaho portal.
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## ***WIDA Screener & ACCESS 2.0***

### **ACCESS Key Dates:**

- Test Materials Arrive to Districts: 1/16/18
- Additional Materials Open Window: 1/16/18-3/2/18 – this is the next opportunity to order ACCESS test materials.
- WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions: 1/3/18-3/9/18

### **Certification:**

New test administrators/proctors need to be trained and certified prior to administering ACCESS, located on the WIDA website: [www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us). If you were certified last year, you do not have to complete again this year.

WIDA/DRC has a new systems status service, which alerts subscribers to any critical incidents (e.g. system outages during testing windows).

Subscribe during Idaho's open ACCESS 2.0 window on the WIDA System Status website: <http://status.drcdirect.com/WIDA>

### **WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Webinar Trainings:**

There are a variety of key topics, several pertinent prior to Idaho's open test window.

Download the ACCESS for Ells 2.0 Webinars/Q&A Sessions 2017-18 document from the WIDA website and scroll to January/February 2018:

<https://www.wida.us/Assessment/ACCESS%202.0/documents/ACCESSWebinarCalendar.pdf>

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## ***January's Assessment & Accountability Monthly Update Webinar***

Our next webinar will be **January 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM MST**. This webinar will have “just-in-time” information on our comprehensive assessment systems. Please register for the webinar at our [GoToWebinar](#) webpage.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Taylor at (208) 332-6903 or [dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:dtaylor@sde.idaho.gov).

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